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ABSTRACT

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Thickel prepared specimens from the new source and also specimens from the original source which are to be used as the control material in the 10 year surveillance testing program. The specimens were transferred to Ogden ALC for testing and reporting of the data obtained.

This report includes the test results for the first through the seventh time testing of the control and special specimens at Ogden ALC.

Statistical analysis of the test data showed that the physical properties of the new source compared closely to the old source of UF-2121 liner specimens.

In all instances, the mean data for the control and special specimens are well above the minimum requirements found in TWR-7857 REV A, Thiokol specimen data. Therefore, the capability of the liner from the rew source material is expected to perform satisfactorily.

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INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE:

Quality assurance testing of specimens prepared from the new source of MAPO to assure that liner material for First Stage Minuteman Motors will perform as predicted.

B. BACKGROUND:

*Tris [1-(2 methyl) aziridinyl] phosphine oxide (MAPO) is used as a curing agent in the Minuteman Stage One UF-2121 liner. MAPO was produced by Immont Chemical (Immont) and shipped to Arsynco Incorporated (Arsynco) for purification and marketing. Immont sold the production rights for MAPO to Arsynco and terminated the production of raw MAPO in 1972.

Since MAPO is a critical ingredient in UF-2121 liner formulation, the source change for the manufacture of MAPO was considered a serious change. Therefore, it was necessary for Thiokol to conduct qualification testing on liner material using MAPO manufactured by Arsynco before it could be considered acceptable for use in Minuteman Stage I UF-2121 liner.

ERLA-500 was the qualified epoxy curing agent used with MAPO in the UF2121 liner. Union Sarbide terminated their process for ERLA-500.

ERLA-510 used in similar liners (i.e. UF-2137) was substituted for ERLA-500 and qualified with MAPO from the new source.

The test conditions and test methods are shown in Table I.

*TWR-7857 Rev A Report, J. W. Rabern

Qualification testing was performed by Thiokol and reported in TWR-7857 Rev A. In addition, specimens were prepared by Thiokol from new vendor's material and from the old source material for a "follow on" test program. These specimens were then transferred to Ogden ALC for a continuing surveillance test program designed to cover a ten year span. The material from the old source will be used as the control samples.

The ten year sampling plan is shown below. Those specimens identified for the seventh year were tested at this test period. The types of specimens are Disc (steel/liner/steel), Cup (steel/liner/TP-H1011), and Peel (broadcloth/liner/TP-H1011). For the disc specimen, the adhesion between the liner and steel is the critical factor. For the cup specimen, the adhesion between the propellant and the liner is critical. For the peel specimen the propellant to liner peel strength when pulled at 180°F is critical.

TEN YEAR CONTINGENCY AGING SAMPLE CODING

Sto	rage			4			
Age	Temp		Epoch Nr)		smple Nr)		mple Nr)
(Ar)	(OF)	Control*	Special**	Control*	Special**	Control*	Special**
1	75	1 - 6	181-186	61-66	241-246	121-126	301-306
2	75	7-12	187~192	67-72	247-252	127-132	307-312
3	75	13-18	193~198	73-78	253-258	133-138	313-318
4	75	19-24	199-204	7 9 –84	259~264	239-144	319-324
5	75	25-30	205-210	85-90	265~270	145-150	325-330
6	75	31-36	211-216	91-96	271-276	151-156	331-336
7	75	37-42	217-222	97-102	277-282	157-162	337-342
8	75	43-48	223-228	103-108	283-288	163-168	343-348
9	75	49-54	229-234	109-114	289-294	169-174	349-354
10	75	55-60	235-240	115-120	295~300	175-180	355-360

^{*} Liner mix A73-11846 - control or old MAPO source material

^{**} Liner wix A73-11810 - Experimental MAPO

TABLE I
Test Conditions and Methods

Group	Test	Condition	Config- uration			Total Number of Spec	Test Method
Bond in Tension Disc	Tensile Adhesion OI#127-3	CHS 0.5 in/min, Chart 5.0 in/min, 500 lbs full scale load 77°F + 2°	Discs	TV	Control 6 Special 6	12	A
Bond in Tension Cup	Tensile Adhesion OI#127-3	CHS 0.5 in/ min, Chart 5.0 in/min, 200 lbs full scale load 77°F + 2°	Cup	TC	Control 6 Special 6	12	A
180° Peel Specimens	Tensile Peel OI#127-3	CHS 10 in/min 77°F ± 2° Chart 5 in/ min 20 lbs full scale load	Peel	TE	Control 6 Special 6	12	В

TEST CONDITIONS

A. Testing of tensile adhesion specimens was performed using an Instron testing instrument. Properties measured were maximum stress to the nearest pound and failure mode.

Steel disc specimens require a stress of about 240 psi. The recommended initial full scale load is 500 pounds. This instrument setting should be changed to another setting if the first reading goes off scale on the high side. If 500 psi is exceeded, then change the reading to 1000 psi full scale.

Cup adhesion specimens are tested with a stress of 200 lbs per sq inch; the recommended full scale load is 500 lbs.

B. Testing of 180° peel samples was performed using an Instron testing instrument. The physical property of the material to be determined was the average peel strength to the nearest pound per inch.

NOTE: Thickol's procedure for Testing and Laboratory Mixing of UF-2121 Liner. SLP 400, 28 April 71.

. STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

UF-2121 liner material is being tested under a ten-year program to determine whether or not differences exist between liner materials manufactured from two separate sources of curing agent (MAPO). Test specimens were manufactured in two groups; control, using original source curing agent, and special, using new source curing agent. The test specimens for these two groups are of three kinds; disc, cup, and peel. For each specimen type within each test group the sample test size is six. Laboratory testing for seven test periods or seven years has been accomplished. Test data for the years 1975 through 1981 are contained in Tables 2 through 8, and columns are summarized using means and standard deviations.

With seven test periods accomplished, regression plots (Figures 1 thru 6) were made to determine whether slope and elevation differences existed between control and special test data. No differences in either slope or elevation were found. The regression model Y = a + bX, using individual data points, was used in the regression analyses. The variance about the least squares trend line is used to compute a tolerance interval such that at the 90% confidence level 90% of the sample distribution falls within this interval. This tolerance interval is extrapolated 24 months past the age point pertaining to the oldest specimens tested. The statistical significance of the slope of the trend line is evaluated for each regression plot. If significant, it is an indication that change over time is occurring.

In determining differences is data pertaining to the two MAPO sources, analysis of covariance was employed to compare control and special data from

the regressions for each of the three types of test specimens. For analysis of covariance results, see table 9. Taken at the five percent significance level, the only difference found was in the disc data in the variance of the data away from the regression line.

TEST RESULTS

The 1981 test data and the means for the respective control and special data are shown in Table 8. In addition, for a convenient comparison, the 1975 through 1980 test data are included in Tables 2 through 7.

The statistical analysis results for the 1981 testing are shown in Table 9 with the regressions shown in Figures 1 through 6.

DISC:

A statistically significant difference is shown for variance of test data in the MAPO source (Table 9) with no significant difference for the slope and elevation of the regression curves (Table 9).

The regression curves show a statistically significant gradual decrease for both the control and special sample data (Figures 1 and 2).

For the year 1981, the mean of the control and special data is 15.49 and 16.07 kg/sq cm respectively.

The minimum specification requirement according to TWR-7857 REV A, is 12.30 kg/sq cm minimum. As seen in Table 8, MANPA's data is well above this minimum.

The failure mode was 100% cohesive in the liner for both the control and special specimens.

CUP:

There is no significant difference in variance, slope or elevation when comparing control and special regression data (Table 9).

The regression curves show a statistically significant gradual decrease in maximum stress as the specimens age (Figures 3 and 4).

According to TWR-7857 REV A Report, the minimum requirement is 4.92 kg/sq cm. The data means are 9.37 kg/sq cm for the control and 9.21 kg/sq cm for the special specimens.

For the control specimens, the failure mode for 4 specimens was 100% cohesive in the propellant, one specimen 66% cohesive in the propellant and 34% adhesive liner to propellant with the remaining specimen 80% cohesive in the propellant and 20% adhesive liner to propellant.

For the special specimens, three had 100% cohesive failure in the propellant, two specimens had 70% cohesive failure in the propellant and 30% adhesive liner to propellant failure and the remaining specimen failure mode was 45% cohesive in the propellant and 55% adhesive liner to propellant.

PEEL:

No significant difference is shown for the variance, slope or elevation when comparing control with special regression data (Table 9).

The regression curves (Figures 5 & 6) do not show a statistically significant difference in peel strength with respect to the age of the specimens.

Thickol reported (TWR-7857 REV A) 0.679 and 0.732 *kg/L cm respectively for the control and special mean data at age six months. This compares with 1981 data of 0.81 and 0.85 kg/l cm respectively for control and special mean data (Table 8).

The mode of failure was 100% liner to propellant bond.

* Kilograms per linear centimeter

CONCLUSIONS

Based on this analysis, the only statistically significant difference between the control and special specimens is the variance for disc specimens.

The disc and cup regressions show a gradual statistically significant decrease with the peel specimen data showing no significant changes.

The strength of the specimens is well above the required minimum for disc and cup, and above that reported in Thiokol's testing for peel.

From the analysis of the data, the new source of raw material performs as well as the old source; and therefore is expected to perform satisfactorily.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the testing plan be continued to assure long range capability of the liner produced from the new source of material.

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TABLE	2.	LEGI	UATA	SUMMARY	FUK	JULI	TALD

D	ISC	C	UP	PE	PEEL			
Control	Control Special		Special	Control	Special			
Nr Ka/cm ²	Nr Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/L-cm	Mr Kg/L-cm			
1 17.085	181 17.225	61	241 11.601	121 0.6786	301 0.6786			
2 17.507	182 17.858	62 11.812	242 11.601	122 0.6786	302 0.6965			
3 17.225	183 17.015	63 11.741	243 11.531	123 0.7143	303 0.6965			
4 17.929	184 16.944	64 12.163	244 11.671	124 0.7500	304 0.6965			
5 17.366	185 17.436	65 12.234	245 11.390	125 0.7679	305 0.7143			
6 17.296	186 19.054	66 11.882	246 11.390	126 0.7858	306 0.6965			
¥ 17.401	17.589	11.966	11.531	0.7292	0.6965			
S 0.2943	0.7899	0.2191	0.1176	0.0458	0.0113			

TABLE 3. TEST DATA SUMMARY FOR MAY 1976

	DI	SC	C	UP	PEET,			
Control Special		Control	Special	Control	Special			
Nr	Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/L-cn	Nr Kg/L-cm		
•	15.116	187 14.483	67	247 13.288	127 0.9643	307 1.0536		
8	16.311	188 14.905	68 13.710	248 13.710	128 0.9286	308 1.0358		
	15.397	189 14.483	69 13.640	249 13.640	129 0.9286	309 1.0179		
	15.960	190 14.765	70 13.007	250 13.077	130 1.0179	310 1.0358		
11	15.819	191 15.468	71 13.148	251 13.359	131 1.1072	311 1.0536		
12	14.554	192 14.765	72 13.499	252 13.499	132 1.0001	312 1.0358		
Y	15.526	14.812	13.401	13.429	0.9911	1.0388		
S	0.6356	0.3633	0.3088	0.2354	0.0675	0.0134		

TABLE 4. TEST DATA SUMMARY FOR APRIL 1977

	DI	SC	CUP					PEEL			
Control Special		Control		Spe	cial	Co	Control		pecial		
Nr	Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/cm ²	Nr	Kg/cm ²	Nr	Kg/cm ²	Nr	Kg/L-cm	Nr	Kg/L-cm	
13	17.155	193 17.436	73	9.281	253	9.140	133	0.7322	313	0.7858	
14	16.522	194 16.874	74	9.281	254	9.070	134	0.7143	314	0.7858	
15	16.874	195 16.944	75	8.999	255	8.999	135	0.6786	315	0.7858	
16	17.015	196 17.366	76	9.281	256	9.140	136	0.7500	316	0.7143	
17	16.874	197 17.015	77	9.492	257	8.367	137	0.7500	317	0.7500	
18	16.874	198 17.015	78	9.281	258	8.789	138	0.6429	318	0.7143	
Ÿ	16.886	17.108		9.269		8.918		0.7113		0.7560	
S	0.2107	0.2337		0.1570		0.2994		0.0429		0.0352	

NOTE: Kg/L-cm = Kilograms per linear centimeter. Average peel is given for each peel parameter.

TABLE 5.	TEST	DATA	SUMMARY	FOR	JUNE	1978

_	DI	SC	C	UP	PER	PEEL			
Co	Control Special		Control	Special	Control	Special			
Ar	Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/cm ²	Mr Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/L-cm	Nr Kg/L-cm			
	14.906	199 14.554	79 10.898	259 10.406		319 1.0180			
20	14.624	200 14.695	80 10.968	260 10.476		320 1.0359			
21	14.695	201 14.343	81 10.617	261 10.616	141 0.9466	321 1.0180			
22	14.906	202 14.343	82 10.125	262 10.125	142 1.0002	322 1.0359			
23	14.343	203 14.624	83 10.406	263 10.687	143 1.0716	324 1.0537			
24	15.187	204 14.414	84 10.476	264 10.125	144 0.9466	326 0.9287			
Ÿ	14.77.7	14.496	10.582	10.406	0.9764	1.0150			
S	0.2898	0.1503	0.3166	0.2391	0.0561	0.0444			

TABLE 6. TEST DATA SUMMARY FOR JUNE 1979

							UND 1717			
	DI	SC	CUP				PEEL			
Control Special		Cc	Control		cial	Co	ontrol	Special		
Nr	Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/cm ²	Nr	Kg/cm ²	Hr	Kg/cm ²	Nr	Kg/L-cm	Nr	Kg/L-cm
25	17.015	205 17.436	85	9.632	265	9.562		0.8572	325	0.7679
26	16.874	206 16.874	86	9.703	266	9.140	146	0.8393	326	0.7679
27	16.874	207 16.593	87	9.773	267	9.562	147	0.8572	327	0.9643
28	16.944	208 16.522	88	9.632	268	9.281	148	0.8572	328	0.7143
29	16.804	209 16.382	89	9.632	269	9.421	149	0.7679	329	0.7143
30	16.171	210 17.366	90	9.492	270	9.421	150	0.8036	330	0.7500
Ÿ	16.780	16.862		9.644		9.398		0.8304		0.7798
S	0.307 C	0.4477		0.0934		0.1644		0.0370		0.0936

TABLE 7. TEST DATA SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1980

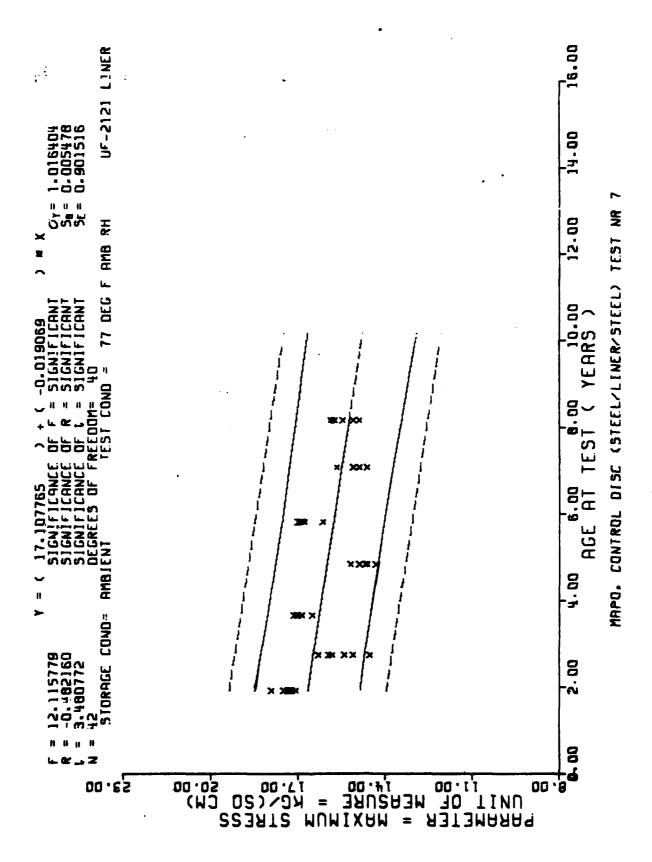
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	DI	SC	CI	UP	PEI	EL .		
Control Special		Control	Special	Control	Special			
Nr	Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/cm ²	Nr Kg/L-em	Nr Kg/L-cm		
31	15.116	211 14.764	91 9.281	271 11.109	151 0.9465	331 1.1965		
32	14.905	212 14.413	92 10.054	272 10.265	152 1.0179	332 1.1786		
33	14.624	213 14.202	93 10.616	273 10.898	153 1.0715	333 1.1072		
34	14.905	214 14.272	94	274 10.687	154 1.1072	334 1.0536		
35	15.678	215 13.870	95 9.894	275 9.491	155 1.0179	335 1.0358		
36	15.116	216 14.272	96 10.054	276	156 1.0715	336 1.0358		
Ŧ	15.057	14.284	9.998	10.490	1.0388	1.0846		
3	0.3539	0.3188	0.4750	0.6397	0.0569	0.0613		

TABLE 8. TEST DATA SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 1981

	DISC				CUP				PEEL			
Co	Control Special		Cor	Control		cial	Co	ontrol	Special			
Nr	Kg/cm ²	Nr	Kg/cm ²	Nr	Kg/cm ²	Nr	Kg/cm ²	Hr	Kg/L-cm	Nr	Kg/L-cm	
	14.905		16.874	97	9,421	277	8.999	157	_		0.8036	
38	15.819	218	16.944	98	9.210	278	9.070	158	0.7679	338	0.9018	
	15.116			99	9.281	279	9.351		0.7858		0.8126	
	15.749			100	9.351	280	8.437		0.8393	-	0.8304	
41	15.890	221	15.679	101	9.632	281	9.562	161	0.8483	341	0.8572	
42	15.468	222	15.608	102	9.351	282	9.843	162	0.8215	342	0.8929	
Ÿ	15.491		16.066		9.374		9.210		0.8126		0.8498	
S	0.4044		0.7151		0.1452		0.4911		0.0346		0.0413	

TABLE 9. ANALYSIS OF COVARIANCE RESULTS COMPARING CONTROL AND SPECIAL REGRESSION DATA

Type of Data	Parameter		Degrees of	
Compared	Compared	<u>F-value</u>	Freedom	Significance
•	Variance	2.06	40, 40	Significant
DISC	Slope	0.07	1,80	Not Significant
	Elevation	0.19	1, 81	Not Significant
	Variance	1.38	39, 37	Not Significant
CUP	Slope	0.08	1,76	Not Significant
	Elevation	0.11	1,77	Not Significant
	Variance	1.38	40, 39	Not Significant
PEEL	Slope	0.03	1, 79	Not Significant
	Elevation	0.35	1, 80	Not Significant



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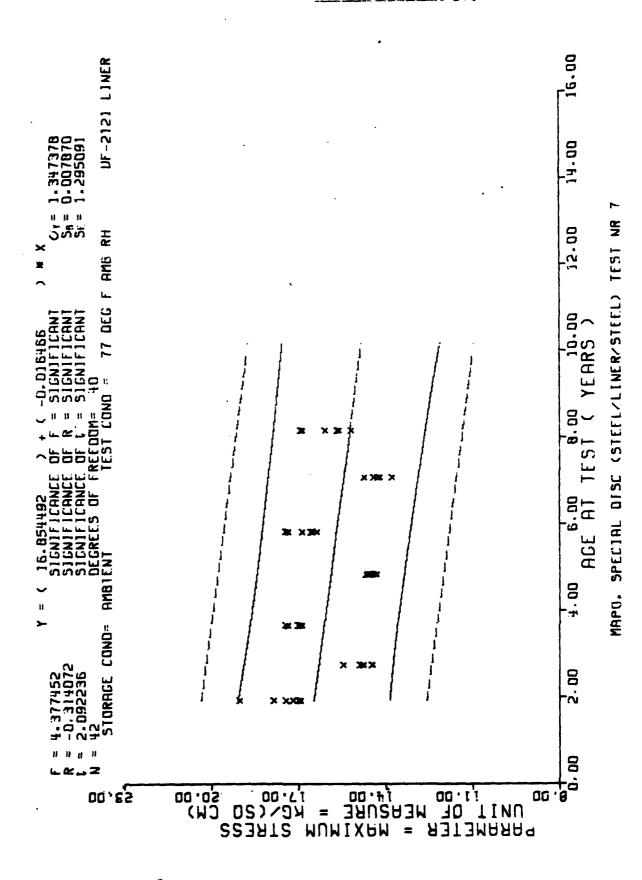
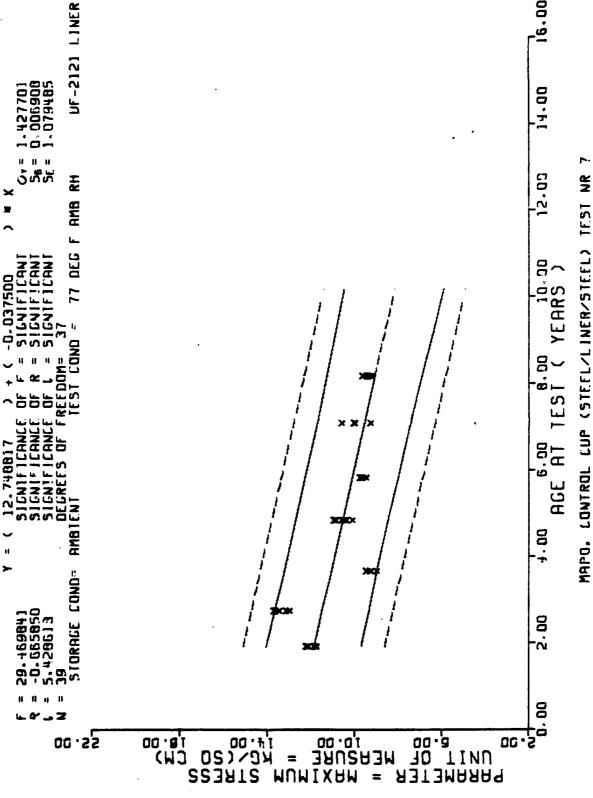
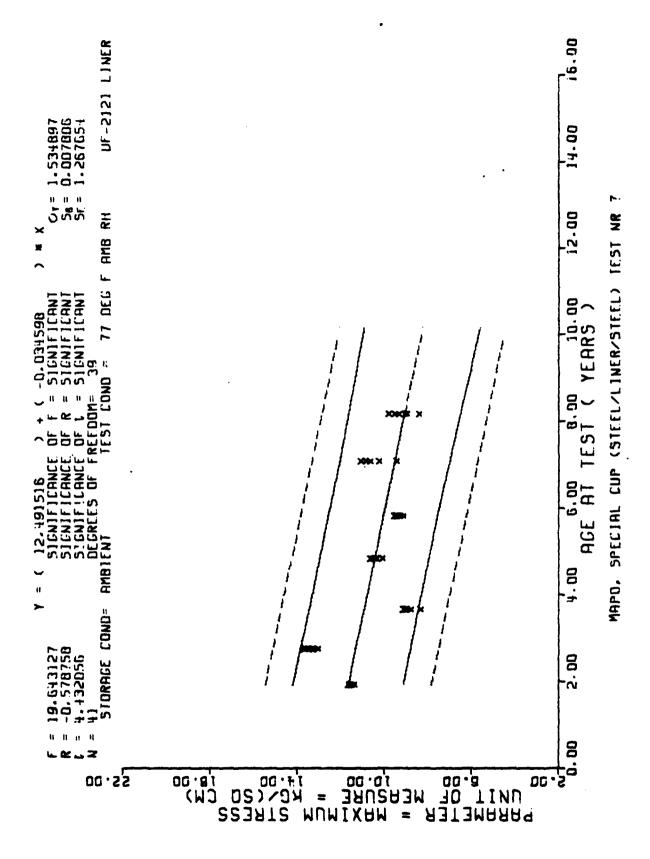
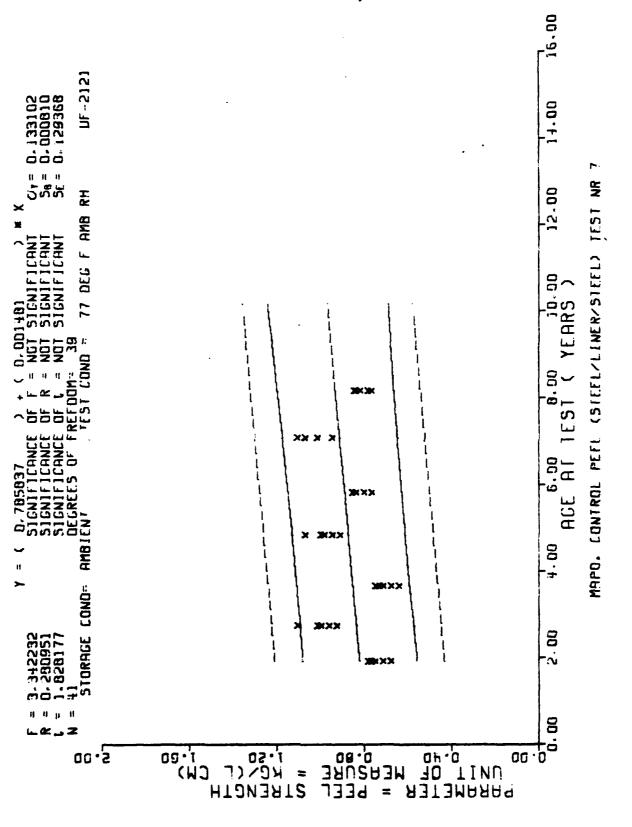
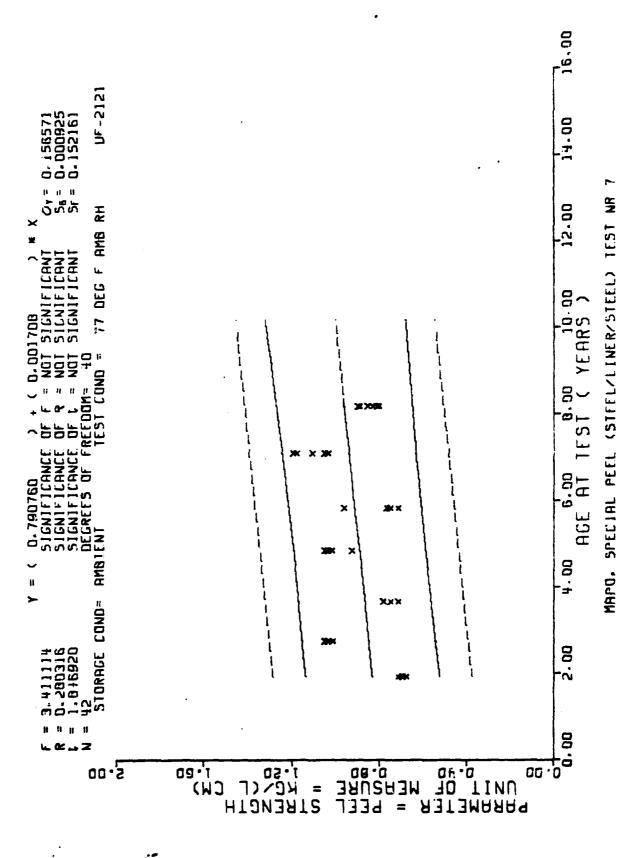


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